

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3288

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2005

CURBING ACTIVITIES OF QUACKS

Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram;Varma Shri Ratilal Kalidas

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to constitute a task force to curb the activities of quacks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to take decision in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Health is a State subject and the State Government and the Medical Councils who grant registration to practitioners take action where called for. Provisions exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, to take action against unregistered practitioners of medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under the respective acts.